

REMARKS

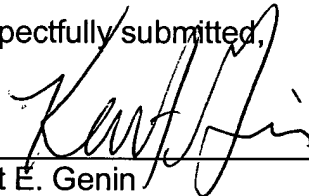
I. Rejection For Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of the claims for obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-8 and 15-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,285,671. In order to obviate this rejection and expedite issuance of the claims, however, Applicant files herewith a terminal disclaimer and statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), along with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

II. Conclusion

Applicant has amended claim 48 to correct for an obvious typographical error and submits that the scope of claim 48 remains the same. With the above amendment and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 28-48 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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